

A SECURITY ENDORSEMENT ?

The Curator of the National Postal Museum, Raife Wellsted, has shown us a strange "grilled" stamp and has asked if our members can throw any light on it. The stamp in question is a 4½d Queen Victoria "Jubilee" Issue (SG 206) used on a registered letter from the New York Daily Tribune's London Office to their New York Office. The interesting thing about the issue is that the stamp has been defaced by knurling between rollers. Inspection of the envelope shows that the defacement was done prior to fixing the stamp to the envelope. Was this a "security endorsement" or perhaps simply damage done by defective stamp affixing machine? I suggest the latter as I see no reason for stamps (in pairs) defaced this may not to have been encashable at post offices.

What do members think?

